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1. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
ACADEMICIAN M. A. SADOVSKIY, INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS OF THE
EARTH, MOSCOW, WAS RECEIVED BY HAMILTON OF USGS:

DEEPLY RESPECTED DR. HAMILTON:

IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I LEARNED ABOUT THE GOOD
APPRAISAL THAT OUR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF
EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION RECEIVED AT THE NOVEMBER 1977 MEETING
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OF THE JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON. I
THINK THAT IN THE FUTURE WE MUST STRIVE TO SUPPORT AND
STRENGTHEN THAT SPIRIT, RESPECT, AND GOOD WILL IN OUR COOPER-
ATION, WHICH WE HAVE MAINTAINED ALL ALONG, AND WITHOUT WHICH
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN GOOD SCIENTIFIC RESULTS IN THE
PROCESS OF JOINT WORK.

AT THE PRESENT TIME I HAVE ONLY ONE WISH, AND THAT RELATES TO THE VOLUME OF RECIPROCAL VISITS OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN SPECIALISTS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1973 THROUGH OCTOBER 1977, THE VOLUME OF VISITS OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS HAS BEEN ABOUT 19.5 MAN-MONTHS MORE (IF YOU CALCULATE BY YEAR, THEN IN 1973-74: 6.3 MAN-MONTHS MORE, IN 1974-75: 14.7 MAN-MONTHS MORE, IN 1975-76: 1.5 MAN-MONTHS LESS, AND IN 1976-77 AN EVEN BALANCE). THEREFORE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ELIMINATE THE IMBALANCE IN THIS QUESTION. IT COULD BE DONE, FOR EXAMPLE, BY INCREASING THE VOLUME OF VISITS BY SOVIET SPECIALISTS BY 3-4 MAN-MONTHS EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

ALL THE VERY BEST. I HOPE TO SEE YOU THIS AUTUMN, WHEN THE TRIP OF THE AMERICAN WORKING GROUP IS PLANNED TO MOSCOW.

CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN WORKING GROUP IN EARTH-
QUAKE PREDICTION
ACADEMICIAN M. A. SADOVSKIY

2. FOR EMBASSY'S FURTHER INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING TELEX
REPLY WAS SENT FROM HAMILTON TO SADOVSKIY:

MARCH 29, 1978

M. A. SADOVSKII
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INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS OF THE EARTH
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AT THE USSR
B. GRUZINSKAYA, NO. 10
MOSCOW, USSR
TELEX 7196

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER. WE ARE EXPLORING THE PROBLEM OF THE MAN-MONTH IMBALANCE. WE WILL RESPOND LATER. I TOO AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR MEETING IN THE AUTUMN. WE PLAN TO INVOLVE THE AMERICAN PROJECT SCIENTISTS WHO WILL BE IN THE USSR AT THAT TIME PLUS THE PROJECT LEADERS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES FOR A TOTAL DELEGATION OF ABOUT TEN. FROM OUT POINT OF VIEW IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO FIX THE DATES FOR THIS MEETING SOON. WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT THE MEETING BE HELD SOME TIME IN THE INTERVAL SEPTEMBER 10 TO 25

SINCERELY,

HAMILTON VANCE

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